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Redwood Community Action Agency

Friday, April 29, 2011

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(707) 269-2024

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(707) 269-2052

ENERGY SERVICES

(707) 444-3831

Consumer Education, Ext 201

Weatherization, Ext. 204

Lead Based Paint Hazard

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Home Energy Assistance Program

(HEAP) - (707) 444-3834

FAMILY SERVICES

(707) 269-9590

Family Shelter Program

Ext 209

Multiple Assistance Center

269-9592

Emergency Shelter Office

(707) 269-2075

HOUSING REHABILITATION

LOAN PROGRAM

(707) 269-2034

NATURAL RESOURCES

SERVICES

(707) 269-2070

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Affordable Rentals (707) 269-2011

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24-Hour Youth & Family Hotline

(707) 444-CARE

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Launch Pad TLP

Our House Emergency Shelter

(707) 443-8322

Raven Street Outreach Program

(707) 443-7099

YSB Thrift Store

(707) 445-4217

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Senestraro Property Acquisition Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the fee acquisition of the Senestraro property in Eureka.

Purchase of the Senestraro property is important to restoring Martin Slough. The Senestraro property, which is currently used for grazing, is located at the confluence of Martin Slough and Swain Slough. The preferred restoration alternative for Martin Slough involves multiple actions on the Senestraro property, including restoring wetlands, widening the channel of Martin Slough, and restoring riparian vegetation on the slough banks. Ownership of this key parcel will provide flexibility in the final restoration design. Flooding of roads, agricultural land, and the golf course has reduced the economic and recreational values of the Martin Slough area where the Senestraro property is located. Further, degradation of fish and waterfowl habitat, have diminished the ecological value of the area. Both factors clearly establish a need for the restoration of Martin Slough, and the acquisition of the Senestraro property is critical to the restoration.

In 2006, the Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), with funding from the Conservancy, developed a feasibility study investigating options for restoring habitat and tidal processes while retaining agricultural uses on the property, from which the preferred alternative was selected. RCAA worked closely with the Northcoast Regional Land Trust (NRLT) in developing a management plan and restoration designs and implementing a similar project east of Eureka - the Wood Creek project. RCAA looks forward to continuing our excellent working relationship with NRLT on the Martin Slough Project. The proposed acquisition by NRLT with Conservancy funding provides the best option for implementing the restoration actions and developing the appropriate legal instruments for protecting the State's investment. We hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to restore Martin Slough.

Sincerely,

Val Martinez,
Executive Director

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May 4, 2011

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1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Dear Mr. Bosco:

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I strongly urge you to approve the application for funding made by the North Coast Regional Land Trust for the acquisition of the Senestraro property. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 1st District

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

cc: Joel Gerwein, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
Ryan Wells, Project Manager, Northcoast Regional Land Trust

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I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my support for acquisition of this property in Eureka which is critical to the restoration of Martin Slough. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support purchase of the Senestraro property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "NoREEN EVANS".

NOREEN EVANS
Senator, 2nd District